Amount spent on Advertisements

8495. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his Ministry on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1994-95 (language-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): Ministry of Welfare releases all the Press advertisements through DAVP and the expenditure is met out of the consolidated publicity budget of DAVP earmarked for this Ministry. A statement containing the details of language-wise expenditure on the advertisements given by DAVP to the newspapers on behalf of Ministry of Welfare during 1994-95 is enclosed.

Statement

Statement showing the language-wise expenditure on advertisements on behalf of the Ministry of welfare during 1994-95.

S. No.	Language	Amount of Expenditure 1994-95
1.	English	1195942.00
2.	Hindi	518473.00
3.	Urdu	78324.00
4.	Punjabi	71453.00
5.	Marathi	81641.06
6.	Gujarati	76795.00
7.	Assamese	31906.00
8.	Bengali	45336.00
9.	Oriya	46650.00
10.	Tamil	74627.00
11.	Telugu	47849.00
12.	Malayalam	84699.00
13.	Kannada	29518.00
14.	Mizo	131.00
	TOTAL	2383346.00

Five point plan on reservation

8496. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the five point plan or reservation, which the Central Government presented at the all party meeting convened on 28 April, 1995; and

(b) whether any date has been fixed for the implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) The following points were presented by the Government for discussion in the meeting held with leaders of political parties by the Welfare Minister on 28.4.95.

(i) Whether the Constitution may be amended to protect the reservation in promotions for SCs/STs and to provide for reservation in promotions for OBCs;

(ii) Whether Article 16(4) may be amended to provide for reservation in Government services in excess of 50 percent wherever there are reasons for doing so, so as to ensure adequate representation for the OBCs in the services under the State.

(iii) Whether the advice of Supreme Court regarding exclusion of certain services/posts from the purview of reservation may be complied with or the status quo may continue with reference to SCs and STs end in the case of OBCs, the illustrative list of services/posts to be excluded from the purview of reservation may be followed.

(iv) Whether Article 16(4) may be amended to provide for reservation in Government services for economically backward sections of upper castes.

(v) Whether reservation for OBCs may be provided in Central Government's educational institutions.

(b) The meeting held on 28.4.1995 was followed by another meeting on 4.5.1995. Leaders of various political parties expressed their views. Government are keeping their views in mind while considering further course of action.

Vocational institutes for handicapped in states

8497. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Vocational Institutes have been established to train handicapped people in different States;

(b) if so, details of such centrally sponsored Vocational Institutes;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration to establish a Vocational Institute in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) what other innovative measures are proposed to bring handicapped people into the mainstream of economic life; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for Handicapped have been established all over the country to evaluate the residual capacity of the handicapped job-seekers and provide necessary rehabilitation assistance to them. These Centres are located at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneshwar, Bombay, Calcutta; Delhi; Hyderabad, Jabalpur, Jaipur; Guwahati Kanpur, Ludhiana, Madras, Thiruvanathapuram, Agartala, Patna & Vododara.. In order to impart non-formal job oriented skill training, 7 Skill Training Workshops (STWs) have been attached to 7 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bombay, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Madras and Thiruvanathapuram.

(c) and (d) One Vocational Rehabilitation Centre is already functioning at Hyderabad in the State of A.P.

(e) and (f) The measures taken by the Ministry of Welfare to bring handicapped persons into the mainstream of economic life are placed in the statement.

STATEMENT

Vocational Institutes for handicapped in States.

The subject of 'Relief to the disabled and unemployable is the responsibility of the State Government under Entry 9 in List II (State List). The Ministry of Welfare, Government of India plays a supporting and coordinating role.

The thrust of all the programmes/schemes implemented by the Ministry of Welfare for handicapped welfare is to bring the disabled persons including mentally retarded persons in the mainstream of life. Major programmes/schemes of the Ministry of Welfare for achieving the objective mentioned above, are as follows:—

(1) *Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled*

Under this scheme, assistance is provided to voluntary organisations to run rehabilitation programmes for the disabled. It is a comprehensive scheme covering different areas of rehabilitation—physical, psychological, social and economic, Financial support is given to the extent of 90 per cent of the total project cost (upto 95 percent for the rural areas) for recurring items like staff salary, maintenance charges, contingencies and non-recurring items like construction of building, equipment, furniture. Financial assistance is given for the projects such as vocational training centres, special schools, counselling centres, hostels, training centres for personnels placement services etc.